

## REMARKS

### Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

The Patent Office asserted that the Applicants response filed on September 25, 2003 was non-compliant based on the assertion that a complete listing of all of the claims, a proper status identifier, and their text were not provided. Specifically, the Patent Office asserted that the response failed to provide claims 21, 33, and their text. The Applicants traverse this assertion, as the response filed on September 25, 2003 contained the complete text of both claims 21 and 33, together with the proper status identifier (See the response on page 3, starting third line from the bottom for claim 21 and page 4, last 2 lines). In any event, in order to expedite prosecution, the Applicants are nonetheless herewith providing a substitute "Amendments to the claims" section. As noted in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted. Thus, the Applicants have not resubmitted the Remarks section of the response filed September 25, 2003.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 913-2106.

Respectfully submitted,  
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